

**S0009 Women In Communications, Inc.
St. Louis Chapter (1923-),
Records, 1948-1979
66 Folders, 9 Scrapbooks**

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Sheila Hoffmeister, member of Women in Communications, Inc., St. Louis Chapter, donated the records of Women in Communications, Inc., to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri-St. Louis in January, 1980.

Theta Sigma Phi was a national fraternity for women in journalism founded in 1909. The St. Louis Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi was organized in 1923. Besides providing a professional network for women journalists, Theta Sigma Phi was also involved in civic and professional activities. Thetas conducted publicity workshops, cosponsored the junior journalist contest with Sigma Delta Chi (the men's national fraternity for journalists), and published "Grand Views" for Veteran's Hospital in St. Louis as part of the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project. They donated books each Christmas to children's homes in the metropolitan area, and they taught writing-to-sell classes at University High School. In the 1970's the workshops and seminars focused on other media besides journalism and emphasized management and leadership training.

Since 1956, they have sponsored an annual spring luncheon, known as "Ladies of the Press," in which they honor women who have been in the news because of outstanding civic, professional or personal achievements. In 1964 they wrote and published the St. Louis Guidebook in commemoration of St. Louis' bicentennial. The national organization held two conventions in St. Louis, in 1955 and 1965. The 1965 convention focused on world peace. Convention Chair, Bea Adams, solicited responses from prominent women from around the world on how to achieve a lasting peace which they published in a booklet, "Paths to Peace." Theta Sigma Phi changed its name in the 1970's. Women in Communications, Inc., included women from other media such as radio and TV and the emphasis on journalism and writing has shifted to mass (electronic) communications.

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